



# Welcome

Ladies and Gentlemen,

the EU strategy for the Danube region has set the course for the future of the Danube region in the past year – a future, in which Baden-Württemberg wishes to take an active part. The subject of health offers opportunities and perspectives for a more intensive cooperation. The health systems of the Danube countries, just like the one in Baden-Württemberg, are an essential part of the social structure. Despite differences existing in the health care systems, there are things we have in common across borders, such as the issues of government responsibilities and financial funding, impacts of the demographic developments on the health situation, issues of medical progress, the development of the disease spectrum and issues of qualification of the nursing staff.

The first Danube Health Conference focuses on exchanging information on the existing potential of health care for our citizens. We want to create a platform enabling us in the future to discuss health issues together. Our common goals should be a closer awareness of the political focuses on health in the Danube countries and to achieve a better understanding. Another part of the meeting is dedicated to the subjects of “Public Health” and “Mental Health” in the Danube countries, by comparing best practices we can learn from each other and outline approaches for joint activities. This conference should provide the players in the health systems of the Danube countries with the opportunity to widen their perspectives and to consider cross-border collaboration for the health care. This congress may be an important contribution on the way to a more intensive cooperation between the Danube countries. As Minister for Health it is my great pleasure to start the initiative which will benefit directly the peoples in the Danube region and help to improve their quality of life.

In this spirit, I am very much looking forward to welcoming you at Ulm as my guests.

Katrin Altpeter MdL

Minister for Labour, Social Affairs, Families, Women and Senior Citizens

# 1st Danube Health Conference

on 9/10 July 2012

Stadthaus at Ulm/Danube, Baden-Wuerttemberg

# Preliminary Programme



MONDAY, 9 JULY 2012

9:30 Reception of Guests

## 10.00-12.30 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

### Health: Opportunities and Perspectives for the Danube Region

*Katrin Altpeter, MdL, Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, Families, Women and Senior Citizens, Baden-Wuerttemberg*

### Baden-Wuerttemberg and the Danube Countries: A Strong Partnership

*Peter Friedrich, Minister for the Bundesrat, European and International Affairs Baden-Wuerttemberg*

### European Cooperation in the Health Sector

*John Dalli, EU Commissioner for Health and Consumers, Brussels*

### Welcome

*Ivo Gönner, Lord Mayor of the City of Ulm/Danube, President of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions*

### Contributions from Political Representatives of the Danube Countries

*to be named*

### Keynote Speaker: Health in the Danube Countries

*Dr. Clemens-Martin Auer, Ministry of Health, Austria*

### Brief Statements on the Subject: Focus of Health Policies

*contributions from the Danube countries and Baden-Wuerttemberg; to be named*

### Chair of the Opening Session:

*Prof. Dr. Harald C. Traue, University Hospital Ulm, European Danube Academy Ulm*

## 13.30-17:00 PANEL 1 "PUBLIC HEALTH"

The panel "Public Health" addresses issues and strategic approaches in the public health sector, such as

- » Potential responses to health hazards,
- » Health promotion and prevention of chronic diseases,
- » Issues of health reporting.

### President and Chair:

*Prof. Dr. Joachim Fischer, Medical Faculty Mannheim of Heidelberg University, Baden-Wuerttemberg*

### Kick-off Speech:

*to be named*

### Contributions from the Danube Countries

(statements of approx. 7 min.)

## 13.30-17:00 PANEL 2 "MENTAL HEALTH"

The panel "Mental Health" addresses psychiatric and psychosomatic diseases with the following sub-issues:

- » Epidemiology of psychiatric and psychosomatic diseases in modern societies;
- » Changes in nursing structures: in-patient and out-patient care, low level and local supply, communal drug-addict networks, communal drug addict officers;
- » Health promotion and preventive measures for children and young adults;
- » Psychiatric and psychosomatic diseases as tasks for corporate health management.

### President and Chair:

*Prof. Dr. Otto-Paul Schmidt-Michel, Centre for Psychiatry Weissenau, Baden-Wuerttemberg*

### Kick-off Speech:

*Prof. Dr. Heinz Katschnig, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Social Psychiatry, Vienna*

### Contributions from the Danube Countries

(statements of approx. 7 min.):

We welcome contributions on the subjects in panel 1 and 2 from ministries for health, health care and nursing institutions, university hospitals and any other health institutions.

Please register your contribution no later than 15 March 2012 by e-mail contacting:

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Since the number of speakers is limited, we kindly ask you to reply a.s.a.p.

Evening

## GUESTS PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DANUBE FESTIVAL ULM/NEU-ULM

TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2012

## 9:30-13:00 PRESENTATION

Presentation of Panel Results in the Plenary followed by Discussion

Chaired Final Discussion with Closing Statements

13:00

## FAREWELL TO GUESTS

The conference language is English, simultaneous interpretation into German will be provided.

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